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Artificial intelligence

Depiction of artificial intelligence characters in movies and television shows does not reflect the current status of research and development of A.I., BYU teachers say.

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DEVOTIONAL

Be optimistic about the future, Holzapfel says

Students should look for the positive events leading to the Second Coming, instead of focusing on the wars and destructions of the world, said Richard Holzapfel, professor of church history and doctrine, on Tuesday's Devotional.

Holzapfel used sunglasses to explain his message.

"We all wear glasses, but the color of our lens is interpreted by our social and ethnic background, our gender and religious convictions," Holzapfel said.

Over time negativity could cause people to lose focus, he said.

Students can fill their minds with math, religion and culture, attend the temple, and listen to general conference to gain a better prescription, he said.

Following this advice will help to eliminate the artificial color of the lenses allowing students to focus on the positive, Holzapfel said.

"Certainly we are mortal and face challenges, but we need to see the glass as half full," Holzapfel said.

He said students can make a difference by becoming friends with people outside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and not to forget they are not alone in the world.

Holzapfel's address will be rebroadcast Sunday on Channel 11 at 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. and on 89.1 FM at 8 p.m.

—Diana Lee

UTAH

Nebo fire out, rehabilitation begins this week

Rehabilitation efforts for lands burned by the Mt. Nebo fire will begin this week under the direction of a Forest Service Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation Team.

Significant rains contributed to the containment of the Nebo Creek fire Sunday night, Uinta National Forest Service officials said.

The fire on Nebo Mountain, south of Payson, burned 4,500 acres of forestland, said Lola Bird, Forest Service representative.

The Forest Service estimated the cost of the fire to be $500,000.

There were 65 people working on the fire Monday, down from more than 200 at the height of the fire last week.

"Re-seeding is a big part of rehabilitation," Bird said.

"Usually, burned areas will come back on their own," she said.

With the size and complexity of the Nebo Creek fire, the burned area will need re-seeding, Bird said.

—Carol-Lyn Jardine

WORLD

Fidel Castro, Elian Gonzalez appear in public

HAVANA — The most famous boy in Cuba, 7-year-old Elian Gonzalez, stood by Fidel Castro's side in a rare public appearance Tuesday at a colorful and politically tinged children's performance.

"Socialist children," thousands of boys and girls in school uniforms sang at the closing ceremony at a meeting of the Pioneers, the island's communist group for schoolchildren. "Steadfast! Steadfast!"

Elian smiled as he walked into a Havana amphitheater with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, and his 2-year-old half-brother Hianny.

Sitting in the front row, they watched a series of children in colorful costumes sing, dance and perform skits on a stage built outside the U.S. Interests Section — the American mission here — during Gonzalez's battle for his son's return from the United States.

Castro, who embraced Gonzalez's fight for his son last year and made it a national cause , sat in the same row and greeted Elian with a kiss after the performance.

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Provo contests census count

photo courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau

An enumerator interviews a man who didn't return his census form. Provo City plans to petition the census if the numbers released are lower than the city's estimate.

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Provo is one of two Utah cities planning to contest the 2000 U.S. Census count.

Specific population counts for census block areas will be released Wednesday, and Provo and West Bountiful city leaders say they will appeal if they find proof their cities were undercounted.

"It is important to have the census number boosted right away to get all of our deserved funding," said Vern Keeslar, Provo's long-range planner.

Provo officials say there is a 7,000-person discrepancy between city estimates and U.S. Census counts released earlier this year. Keeslar said he will examine the numbers closely after more figures are released by the U.S. Census Bureau on Wednesday.

Provo officials are specifically concerned that areas such as the state hospital, BYU dorms and homes for thousands of missionaries were undercounted.

These types of areas, called group quarters, present multiple challenges said Edison Gore, spokesperson for the U.S. Census Bureau.

"We work with the administration in group quarters since we cannot send a questionnaire and expect to get it back," said Gore.

The U.S. Census Bureau counted 105,166 people in Provo, but Keeslar said the number should be closer to 112,000. Once the census block figures are released on Wednesday, Keeslar will be able to look at specific geographic locations to determine which areas were undercounted.

Provo city planning officials plan to begin the process to challenge the U.S. Census Bureau in August.

Keeslar said the primary reason for obtaining an accurate census count is money. Provo is given funding based on the population reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. An undercount of 7,000 people could make a big difference in city funds.

"The population figure is used in over 80 equations. It has a large affect on the amount of income we receive to our general fund," Keeslar said.

After an appeal is filed, it takes approximately one month for the U.S. Census Bureau to resolve the case, said Jim Castagneri, geographer for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Washington to receive amendment proposal

Federal law status sought for marriage requirement

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Worried that courts might open the door to gay marriage, a coalition of religious leaders and family-policy experts want to amend the U.S. Constitution with a declaration that marriage can only be between a man and a woman.

The Federal Marriage Amendment, to be presented Thursday at a news conference in Washington, would require ratification by both houses of Congress and the legislatures of 38 states to become law.

Gay-rights advocates describe the initiative as "gay-bashing," while its backers say the amendment would prevent judges from setting family policies that lack public support.

Matt Daniels, executive director of the Alliance for Marriage, said coalition members decided to propose the amendment because of fears that Vermont's year-old civil union law — granting marriage-like rights to same-sex couples — would spawn lawsuits nationwide by gays seeking similar rights.

"Let's challenge the homosexual movement to play fair on the playing field of democracy," Daniels said. "If they want the benefits of marriage allocated to a wider circle of groups, they need to convince the majority of people that it's the right thing."

The idea of a marriage amendment was raised in 1998 by an alliance of conservative Christian groups. Daniels' coalition doesn't include those organizations, but its 45-member advisory board has a strong religious tilt, including leaders of major black denominations, an Episcopal bishop, several Roman Catholic officials, and representatives of Jewish and Muslim groups.

Daniels said members of Congress from both parties were prepared to support the amendment, but their names will be released later — not at Thursday's news conference.

"We believe this is more important than partisan politics, so we'll announce it with no politicians at the microphone," he said.

Thirty-four states already have adopted so-called "defense of marriage" laws, defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Daniels is optimistic that enough state legislatures would ratify the proposed amendment for it to pass.

However, he said it might take several years to mobilize enough support in Congress. There have been 27 amendments to the Constitution — only one of them ratified since 1971.

"Congress won't act until the situation is more alarming to more people," Daniels said. "It will require more developments in the courts — but I have no doubt that it will happen."

Vermont legislators enacted the civil union bill last year in compliance with a state Supreme Court order saying same-sex couples were entitled to the same rights as heterosexual married couples. Since then, more than 2,300 civil union ceremonies have been performed in Vermont, mostly involving out-of-staters.

Opponents of gay marriage predict that increasing numbers of those non-Vermont couples will turn to the courts in their own states, seeking recognition of their union.

One such case is now before Georgia's Court of Appeals, while seven Massachusetts couples have sued to overturn their state's ban on same-sex marriages.

The spokesman for a major gay-rights organization, David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign, denounced the proposed amendment as "a mean-spirited attack on gay families."

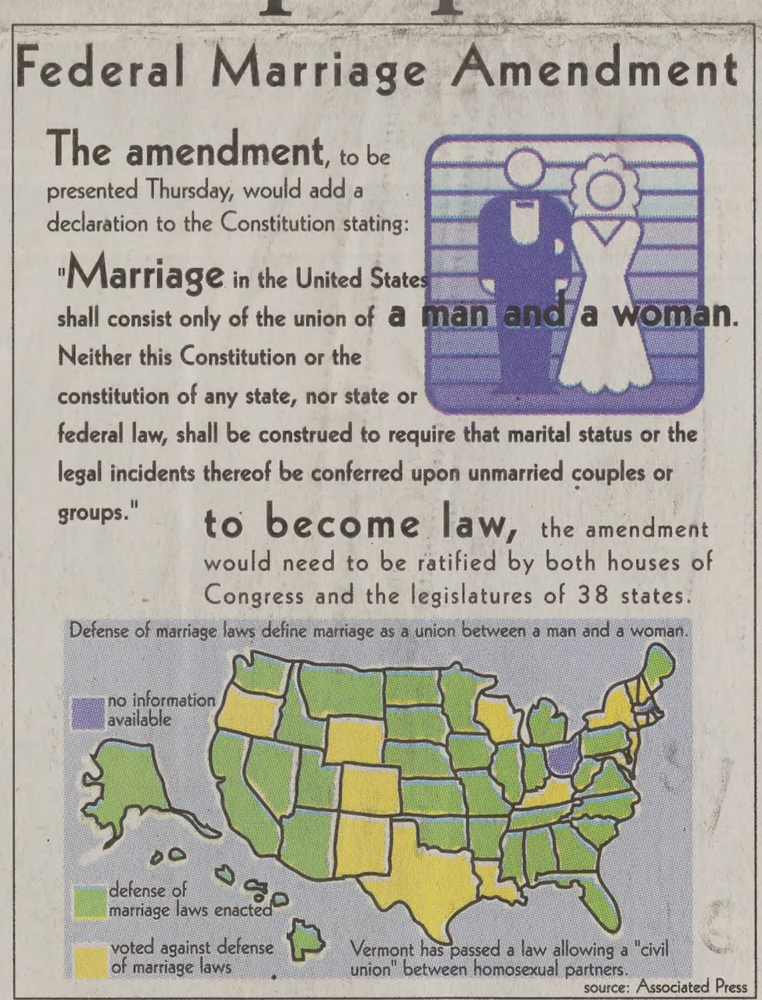
"It would create a constitutionally mandated second class of citizens," he said.

The amendment was supported in an editorial this month in the conservative magazine National Review, which called it "the only sure way to prevent a harmful and antidemocratic revolution in American law."

As drafted, the amendment would be just two sentences:

"Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman.

"Neither this Constitution or the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."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Defense of marriage laws define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.
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Vermont has passed a law allowing a "civil union" between homosexual partners.
source: Associated Press

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Religious groups may be able to discriminate ➧ *page 8*

Joanna Caldwell/Universe

Annette Wilson, from Pleasant Grove, shops with two of her children and their friends. A protest has been formed by mothers against the Victoria Secret advertisements.

Poster stays put despite protests

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Tuesday afternoon, Provo City Councilmember Paul Warner said it is unlikely a Provo city ordinance will mandate the removal of a controversial poster on display at the Provo Towne Centre.

Warner's comment was in response to the protest being led by Springville resident Tina Rivera.

The protest is against what Rivera calls "soft-porn images" displayed in the Victoria's Secret store at Provo Towne Centre.

"If we felt like it was creating a huge stir, there is a nuisance ordinance," Warner said. He said the nuisance ordinance is normally used for issues about keeping neighborhoods clean, not for posters in malls.

For the Provo City Council to take action in this case, it would require a new ordinance to be presented and voted on, Warner said.

Rivera said she was disturbed by the reaction her 6-year-old son had to a poster in the window of the store.

"I turned around and noticed that he was looking at a life-size portrait of a naked woman in Victoria's Secret's window," Rivera said.

The poster shows a model covering her bare breasts with her hands and wearing string bikini panties.

"I realized that if I was silent, that was acceptance," Rivera said.

In an effort to have the poster removed, Rivera called Provo Towne Centre management.

Rivera said mall officials told her they could not do anything about the posters and gave her the corporate number for Victoria's Secret.

JP Realty is the owner of Provo Towne Centre. Toni R. Carter, vice president of marketing for JP Realty, said they sympathize with customer concerns about national advertising.

"Let's face it. It's not like there's not plenty of other advertising using this kind of shock value," Carter said.

She said many retailers are given national advertising packages from their corporate offices. Although JP Realty would like to ask local managers to be sensitive to local needs, the managers usually cannot deviate from the campaign.

Carter said JP Realty and the Provo Towne Centre management team have raised advertising issues with the Victoria's Secret store manager several times.

"We know she has been very proactive in passing these concerns on to her corporate office," Carter said.

Rivera said she plans to continue with the protest. She said she thinks if there is enough public support for the protest, there will have to be change.

Rivera, with the help of her neighbor Cassie Campbell, posted a letter on the Internet.

Campbell said she has seen other Victoria's Secret ads that bothered her, but this one was more offensive.

"It seemed to affect me more this time just because of the size of it. It's larger than life," Campbell said.

The letter explains the background of the protest and provides a form for those who want to add their names to the petition.

She said there were over 550 additions to the Web petition Tuesday morning.

Rivera said they have been surprised with the amount of attention the protest has generated.

"We have people from all over the country adding their names to the Web site," she said.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Study: changing AIDS drugs needless

CHICAGO — Two new studies suggest that the slight blips in virus levels that many AIDS patients experience while taking drug cocktails do not necessarily mean the treatment is failing after all.

The findings could have significant implications for AIDS treatment. Doctors generally try to suppress the AIDS virus to levels undetectable by routine tests. Up to now, doctors believed that when HIV rises back to detectable levels, it means that the virus is becoming drug-resistant and the patient has to switch medications.

The new studies suggest that slight, intermittent surges in virus levels do not always mean the virus is becoming drug-resistant, and switching drugs may not be necessary.

The studies were published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Striking pilots tripping up travelers

HONG KONG — A rash of job actions is hitting carriers across Asia, Europe and the Americas during the busiest flying season of the year — tripping up travelers and hurting industry profits already weakened by a slowing world economy.

In Hong Kong, a dispute with pilots led Cathay Pacific Airways to cancel nearly a fifth of its flights on Tuesday. Italy's Alitalia scrapped three-quarters of its flights Friday when air traffic controllers, pilots and flight attendants walked off the job for eight hours.

Pilots recently disrupted Spain's Iberia, LOT Polish Airlines and two of Japan's three major airlines. Airline workers in Argentina repeatedly held demonstrations against the nation's flagship carrier, which is buckling under massive debt.

Negotiators for American Airlines and its flight attendants agreed on a tentative contract last month - just hours before President Bush planned to step in and block a threatened walkout.

Ford employees sue for discrimination

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. told employees on Tuesday that it is changing an evaluation system that became a target of at least six lawsuits claiming it was being used as a tool for age discrimination.

"The negative feedback has centered around what was viewed as an inflexible system by some, and as discriminatory by a few others," CEO Jacques Nasser wrote in a memo to employees.

Current and former employees who are suing the automaker say the system is used unfairly to weed out older white males in favor of women and minorities.

The year-old Performance Management Process has been used to evaluate about 18,000 managers and supervisors, about 5 percent of Ford's work force.

Nasser said the letter system was being replaced by three designations - top achiever, achiever, and "improvement required" — and there would be no more fixed percentage for the lower rank.

Man with second artificial heart dies

PHILADELPHIA — A 74-year-old man who became the second American to receive an experimental device to assist his heart has died.

Norman Paul, a retired bricklayer and carpenter from Mount Laurel, N.J., died Thursday at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, his doctor said.

Paul suffered a stroke a month after the 3.2-pound device was implanted during a five-hour procedure in April, said Dr. Michael A. Acker. He had been listed in fair condition soon after the surgery, and had been eating and walking.

"In my mind, he is a real hero," Acker said. "We had very frank discussions about this. His hope will become a reality for others — a tether-free existence."

Paul had suffered a stroke several years ago, and was therefore at a higher risk for additional strokes, Acker said.

The device, called the Arrow LionHeart Left Ventricular Assist System, is capable of taking over the workload of the heart's left ventricle.

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		Low 60	Low 58

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

— John 15:16

Laura Lawrence, 23, a senior majoring in zoology from Chatsworth, Calif., likes this scripture because it "reminds me that the Lord has truly chosen us. When we show our willingness to serve, he'll give us something to do ... this is a church of work."

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Pharmacists fight prescription fraud

Associated Press

PULASKI, Va. — Six pharmacies will soon be able to ask customers wanting the powerful painkiller OxyContin and some other narcotic drugs to provide their fingerprints.

Police provided the fingerprint kits hoping to deter prescription fraud. The invisible-ink prints will be kept at the pharmacy.

"If we take just one or two bad bottles off the street a month then we've accomplished a lot," Detective Marshall Dowdy said.

Police and pharmacy officials plan to meet next week to determine when pharmacists would require the fingerprints, police said Tuesday.

Hailed as a miracle painkiller for cancer and chronic-pain patients, OxyContin is widely abused, especially in Appalachia. Ground-up pills are snorted or injected, giving abusers a heroin-like high.

Since 1998, OxyContin and oxycodone, the narcotic's active ingredient, have been linked to more than 100 deaths nationwide.

The fingerprint system, manufactured by CrimeBite, also is used by grocery stores that cash payroll checks. Company president Lydia del Rossi said Pulaski is the only town she knows of using it to help fight prescription fraud.

"Once that fingerprint is there, it's hard to say you didn't do it," said Leslie King, the pharmacist at a Pulaski supermarket.

"I don't know if it will cut down on people who are using it, but maybe it will make people realize it is a felony," she said.

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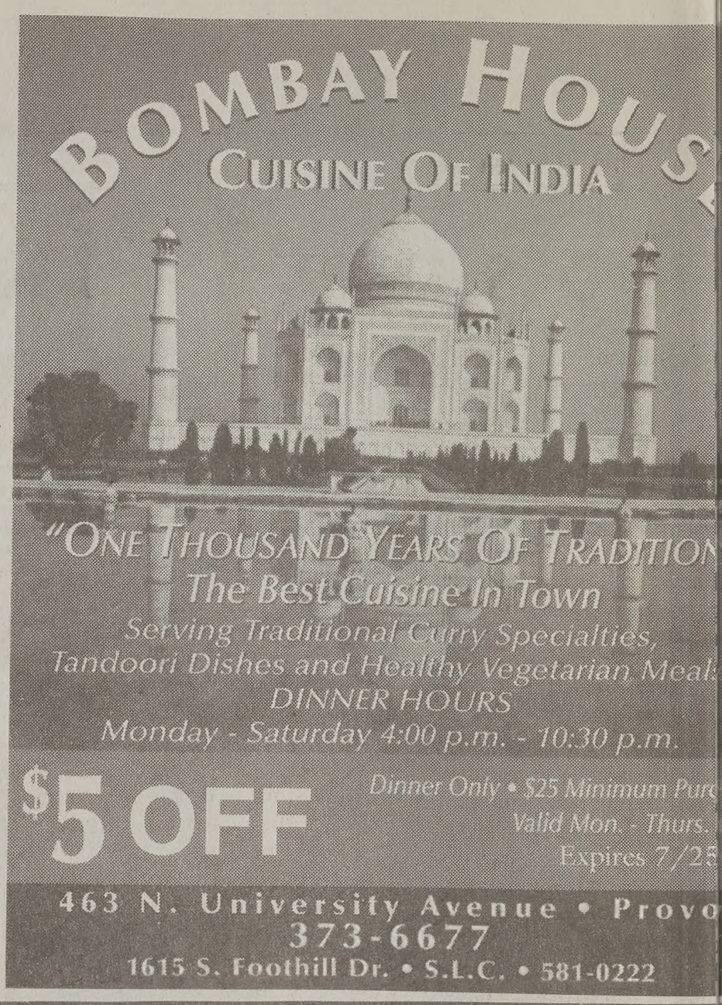
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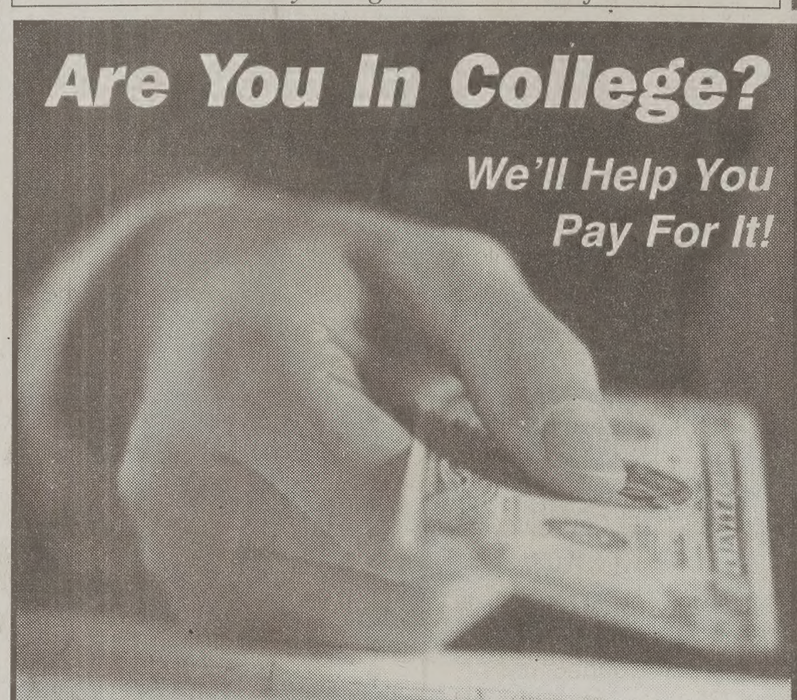
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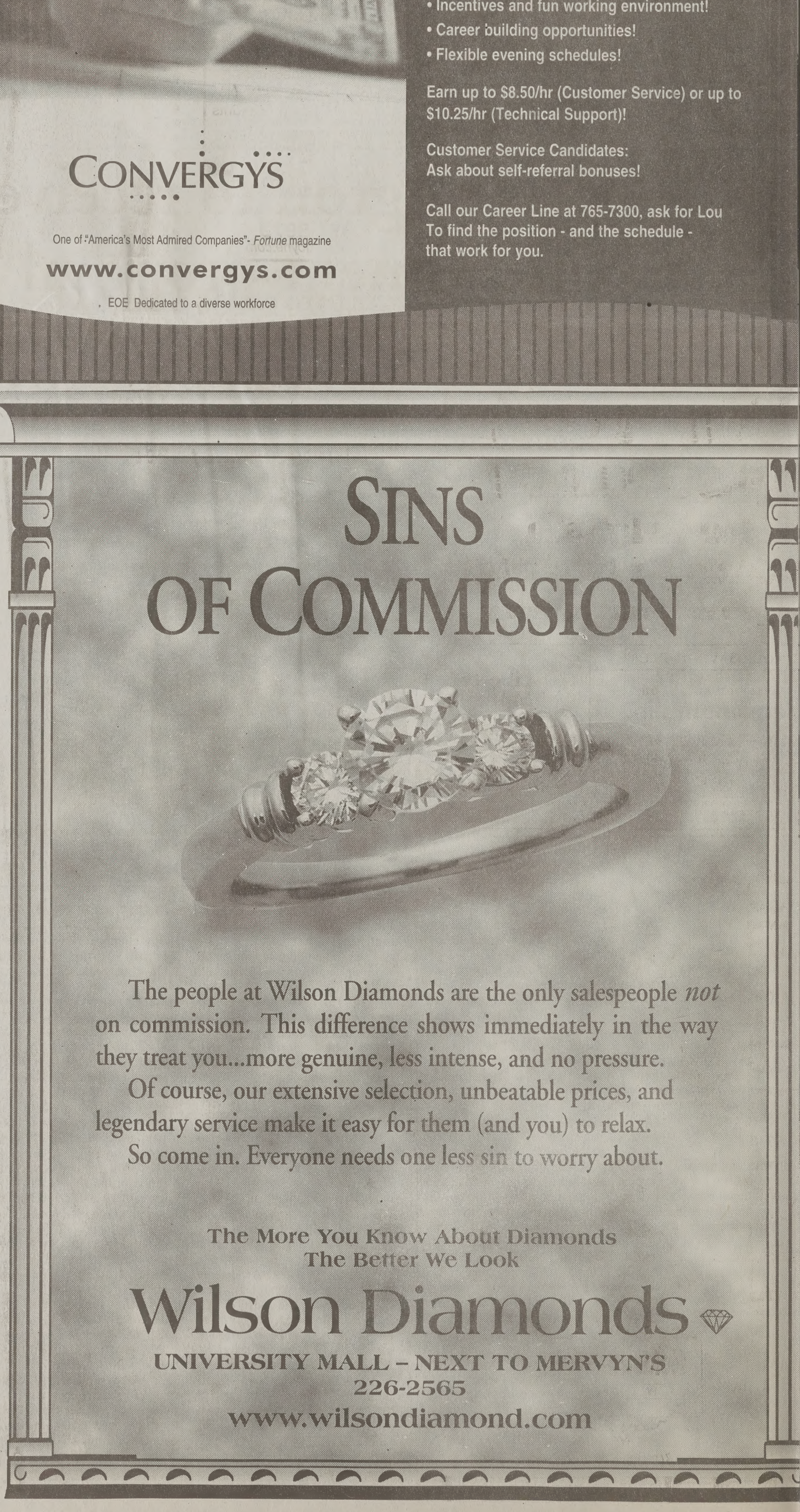
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Robots may be far off from 'A.I.'

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Characters like Commander [illegible] of "Star Trek" and David [illegible] in the new Steven Spielberg movie "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" have sparked the imaginations of viewers.

Audiences may wonder how close science is to creating the "artificial people" seen in movies and on television.

"I think we're a long way from that," said Dan Ventura, assistant professor of computer science.

"Robots can perform specialized tasks such as building cars or computer chips, but general-purpose "people" are mostly science fiction," he said.

"The things you're seeing on the movie and in Star Trek — we're not anywhere near that at all," Ventura said.

"Research into artificial intelligence is constantly advancing, but Hollywood claims too much, too soon. The field has not advanced as quickly as people expected, Ventura said.

Richard Helps, associate professor of electronics and information technology, said the idea behind "A.I." is as much fantasy as Frankenstein.

"We are breathing and feeling and thinking, our blood is flowing and it will probably be a long while before artificial systems can do that," Helps said.

Current technology may be far from Hollywood's vision of artificial intelligence, but BYU researchers are making progress.

Tony Martinez, professor of computer science, is the head of BYU's Neural Network and Machine Learning Laboratory. He studies how to teach computers to mimic brain functions and create computers that learn to solve problems through a process of trial and error without having to be programmed. Computer processors can be connected in a manner similar to human brain cells, creating a neural network.

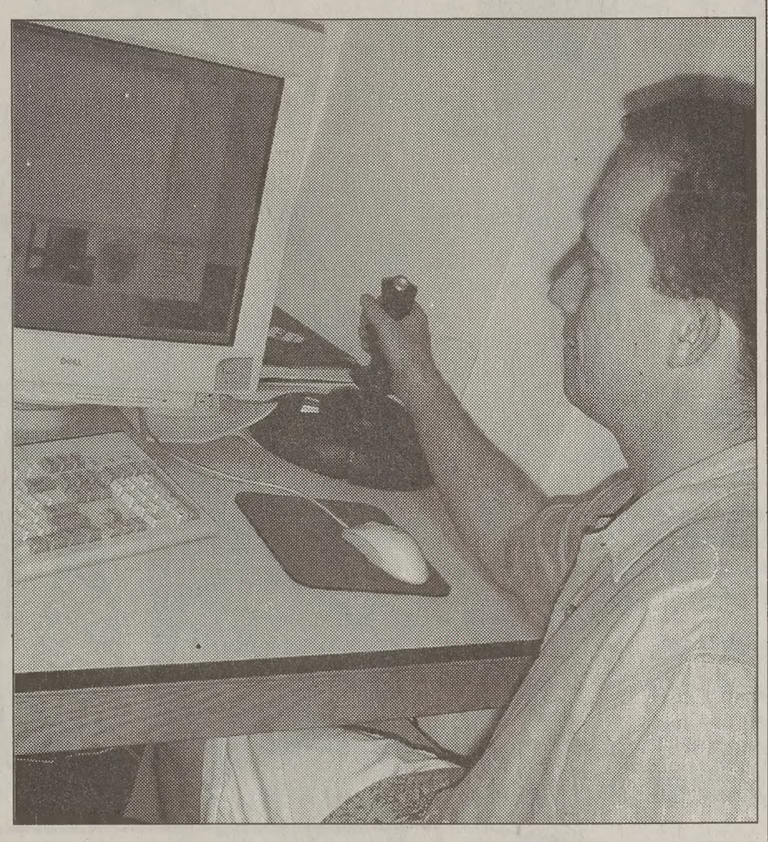
"A big challenge is that we're still learning how the brain works. There are so many intricacies to the brain that right now we only mimic some of the more obvious ways it functions," Martinez said.

At BYU, researchers train computers to produce a correct answer on their own when presented with an unfamiliar problem.

The researchers also work to make neural networks faster and more resistant to problems present in the form of missing or erroneous data.

In addition, the lab has managed to teach computers how to better understand continuous speech and recognize written characters.

"I don't think we'll ever get to the point where you can say we have actual intelligence in machines," Ventura said.



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Curtis Neilsen, a graduate student studying computer science and artificial intelligence, uses a joystick to control a robot in the neural network and machine learning laboratory at BYU.

Y swing dance club gives instruction

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Swing Kids, a swing-dancing club at BYU, recently discovered new territory for swinging the night away.

Swing Kids opened The Solid Floor, a club open once a week on the corner of 197 S. and Main Street in Springville.

Every Wednesday night from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, the building is taken over by local dancers and those interested in learning swing dancing.

The Solid Floor offers instruction for beginning and advanced dancers, and dance time every Wednesday night.

The Swing Kids club was started by Virgil Feinauer, 24, a junior from Salt Lake City, majoring in dance, and Shauna Marble, 20, a senior from Livermore, Calif., majoring in political science.

"We needed a (swing) club in Utah," Marble said.

The club is not only open to BYU; swing dancers from across the valley are invited.

"It has all the makings for a successful club," said Israel Curtis, a member of Swing Kids.

"We use themes, tell jokes and just have fun," Marble said.

Beginning swing instruction is from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. The advanced practice session is from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. From 10:30 p.m. to midnight a dance is to practice and have fun, Marble said.

De Ette Chatterton said the Swing Kids Club is based around BYU students.

"It's nice to have another swing venue, like The Solid Floor, for those who aren't students," said Chatterton, 19, a sophomore from Livermore, Calif., majoring in international law and diplomacy.

"I think ultimately that it's going to boost the interest in Swing Kids," Chatterton said.

"It's going to play a part in expanding the club," she said.

The club officially opened its doors June 27 for the first dance. About 50 to 100 people attended.

The cost is $8 a class, $25 a month, $40 a month for couples and $2 for the dance.

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Totally terrible ads

We didn't mention anything about its blaring radio commercials. We avoided any attack on its unmistakably mediocre television spots. However its recent advertising shenanigan went to far, and we must protest.

Recently, Dell Schanze, owner of Totally Awesome Computers, blasted the Better Business Bureau (BBB). Schanze had received a low rating for false advertising. The BBB had objected to statements Schanze had made about his business being the best computer company in the area.

The bureau asked Schanze, in the name of honesty in advertising, to substantiate this broad claim or check it by using milder statements implying that the company thinks that it is the best. Schanze refused to change his statements, claiming that his business was the definitive computer supplier.

So, the BBB gave him a negative rating. Schanze responded with a threat to the bureau that if the rating wasn't changed he would use media to "slam". The BBB wouldn't budge and Schanze followed through with the threat. Even now, a billboard in Salt Lake City sports Schanze' mug and the line, "I beat the BBB."

Can we afford to sacrifice the good name of the Better Business Bureau and the service that it does for the community?

Since 1915 the BBB has served as a watchdog of bad business practices. It requires its members to keep high standards of honesty and customer service. Customers that have not been treated well by any business in the state can go to the bureau with their concerns.

Most anyone who has ever had a problem with a business and used the service of the BBB will attest to the usefulness of what it does.

That is why Schanze's very public criticism of the bureau is such a concern. His comments must go under a microscope.

Schanze said Totally Awesome Computers has never received a complaint from a customer through the bureau. Jane O'Brien, director of The Better Business Bureau of Utah, said this statement is not true. In fact, customers have complained about misleading advertising, involving price matching and restocking fees. Customers have also complained about being belittled or laughed at by store managers. One advertisement aired on Salt Lake Area radio stations berated one customer publicly.

The other major point of Schanze' public advertisements was a claim that the BBB had targeted his business because he would not pay the dues required to become a member of the bureau. In fact, O'Brien said Totally Awesome Computers is not eligible for bureau membership because of unresolved complaints. Further, it separates membership from the business rating process completely. It often drops members because they do not meet the high standards of membership.

Many support Totally Awesome Computers. Many have said it does make the best computers around and that it does have great customer service. In the future, the company should let its service speak for itself and avoid maligning institutions that have served their communities for many years.

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THUMPA! THUMPA! THUMPA! THUMPA! THUMPA!
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VIEWPOINT

Ethnicly ignorant

Sarah Kelley Lane

Associate City Editor

I love international students. I am one. I'm from the state of Kentucky, which by most standards, is international. I also have serious ancestral roots in England and Germany, for those of you who deem international to mean "separated by an ocean." Personally, I think international students are some of the brightest, most willing students on campus. They care about academics and are anxious to prove themselves. But a select few are giving the rest of us a bad rep. Read on:

After a long day, my husband and I filed into line in the Cougareat's ever-popular Subway. We considered ourselves lucky — it was just a few minutes before six o'clock, and we were the last customers to be let in for the night. After we entered, they lowered the gate. To the average Joe, the meaning of a gate is clear. For starters, it's a physical barrier. Not to mention the symbolism — go away, you're not welcome, we're closed. But to international students pretending not to understand English, a gate takes on Webster's fourth definition of the word, "a movable barrier." Gates aren't permanent, they're only obstacles to be overcome. Those silly Americans are tricking us! Surely they didn't think we'd fall for that old gate trick.

After all, if you're strong enough to move it, agile enough to circumvent it, climb over it or go under it, or smart enough to remove it, you've surely won the game.

On this particular evening, the crafty skill was demonstrated by two international students, ethnicity protected. Remember, gates are a game. The pair proceeded to demonstrate their limbo skills. Although there was no music or crowd to cheer them on, they shimmied their way right under the foot of space between the metal gate and the ground and got in line behind us. What followed could easily have been a skit on Saturday Night Live.

Cashier: "I'm sorry ladies, but we're closed."

Customers: Exchange a quick glance and proceed to scrunch up their faces as though they don't understand.

Cashier: "It's after six o'clock now. We're closed."

Customers: Puzzled looks accompanied by "What?" They pause to look at each other again and shrug their shoulders.

They're thinking: Don't you know the rules to the game? We got under the gate! We won. Now you have to give us what we want.

Manager steps forward: "I'm sorry, but we're closed now. We put the gate down because we're closed."

Customers: "What?" (Accompanied by mumblings in their native language. Apparently he doesn't know the rules to the game!)

Manager: "We're cleaning up to go home. We're closed."

Customers: shrug their shoulders and continue to look puzzled.

Manager: (Bewildered) "OK You can stay. You can be our last customers."

(Hooray! He finally understands the game.)

That got a smile out of them — funny how they knew the definition of "You can be our last customers" as opposed to "We're closed." You'd think the latter would have been emphasized in a book of English phrases. I smell a rat. What are these people trying to pull here? Brace yourself, it only gets better.

Cashier: (Sighs) "Alright, what would you like?"

Customers: "A twelve-inch grilled chicken sub on the asiago bun."

Cashier: (Showing an obvious look of surprise.)"Would you like cheese on that?" Customers: "Provolone please." And they pronounced it right. Can you believe that? They pronounced Ah-see-ah-go and Provuh-lone correctly. And they weren't Italian. *I smell a rat for sure!*

Cashier: "What else?"

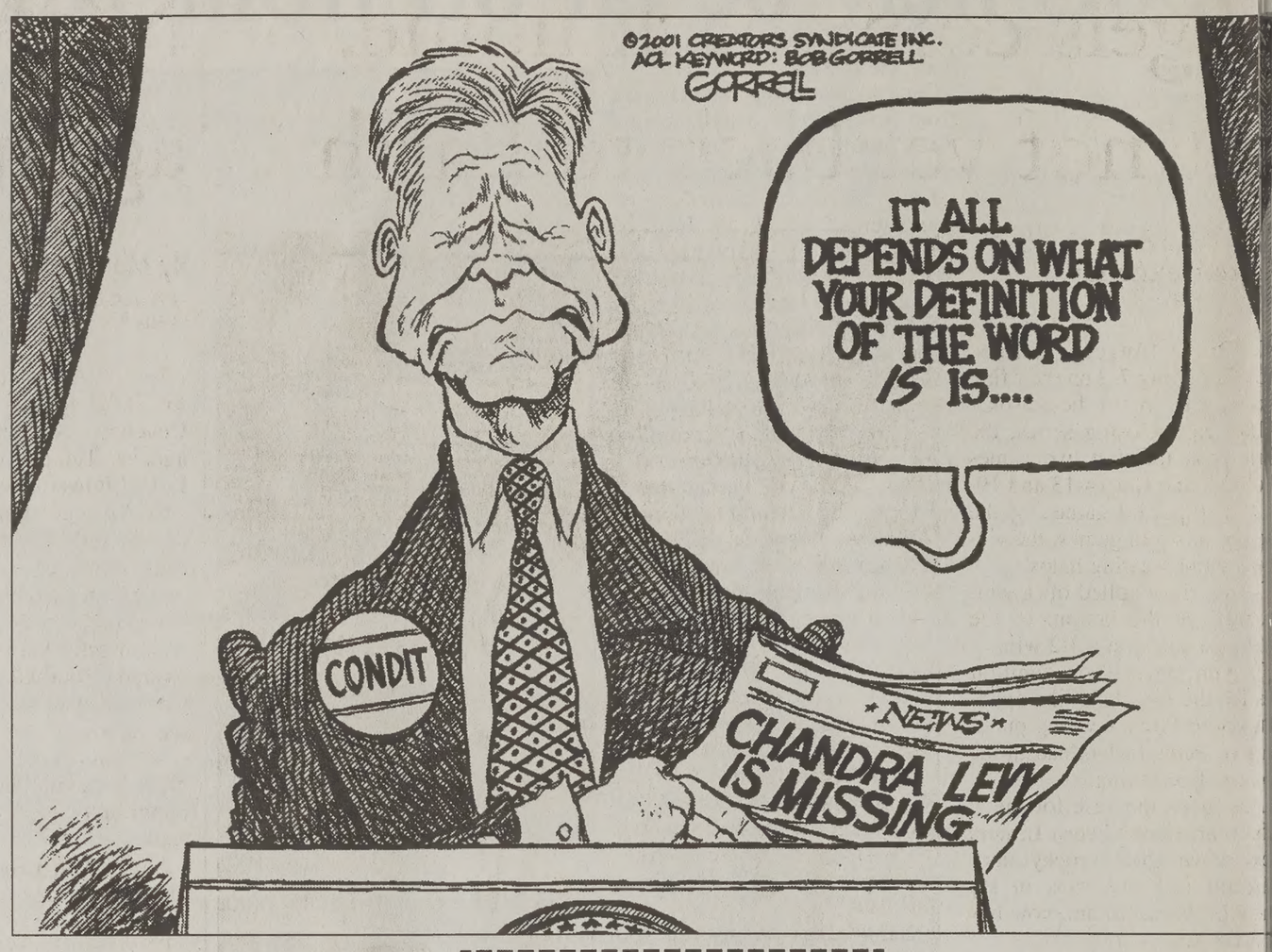
Customers: "Lettuce, tomato, but hold the onions. Salt and pepper too, but be careful, last time they went a little overboard."

Cashier: "Would you like to make that a combo?"

Customers: "No. Just two bags of chips and two water cups."

At this point, all signs of a communication barrier have vanished. They're even talking to each other in perfect, let me emphasize perfect English.

It upsets me to think that a few people of obvious intellect and ability will feign ignorance, thus demeaning themselves, to get something so meager as a few ounces of standard issue chicken on a tough piece of bread. Sounds like the old U.S.S.R. doesn't it? Someone should tell them that we're not communists here. Nah … we'll just keep it a secret. That will be *our* little game.



A word on charity

Dear Editor,

We as BYU students are gifted beyond measure. We live in a country where the lowest standard of living exceeds the highest standard in much of the rest of the world. We have daily amenities that make life easier, more comfortable, safer, and by far more pleasant than in any age past.

We live in a state of relative prosperity, where despite what we would call cramped apartments, bad air conditioning, etc., we enjoy these luxury items that we don't need to survive.

More importantly, we have been blessed with the gospel. The gospel gives us a unique perspective, helping us understand that we are all children of our Heavenly Father and thus all deserve the same blessings.

Our position therefore calls upon us to help our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. We need to reach out by any means available to increase the standard of living of those who do not have what we do.

We can do this through many ways. We encourage all who can to donate time, effort, energy, and money to the many worthwhile charities that struggle to help those less fortunate. We encourage all to be careful in their choice of charities, but also to give freely when they are sure the cause is just and the means are right.

The Lord will hold us all accountable for the gifts He has freely given us in this life. "To whom much is given, much is required."

Please, let us give all we can.

Allison Spackman
Portland, Oregon

Ryan Bouché
Orem, Utah

Jesse Coleman
Honolulu, Hawaii

Balding bias

Dear Editor,

I have now been bald for a total of 12 straight hours. Let me explain.

Last night I was giving myself a haircut when the adjustment on the electric razor slipped out, cutting a section of the side of my head down to about one-eighth of an inch.

Luckily, a fine young lady in my ward repaired my freak shaving accident by shaving my head completely naked with a Mach 3 razor.

That night, I've never slept better. This morning I awoke to find myself bald, and in fact, it hadn't all been some sick, wretched nightmare. So I dressed and walked to the library to feed my brain with the fruits of knowledge for the day.

As I walked to the library, I received many different looks from my peers. Some glanced at me and then turned their head as far away from me as they could so as to avoid my nakedness. Others gawked with eyes wide as dinner plates, until I caught them and they looked away in embarrassment.

Most gave me looks of pity.

You see, my eyebrows are not very dark, so I believe that many of those that observed me concluded that I was a victim of either some freak shaving accident, or I was undergoing chemotherapy.

Perhaps it's my new and radical hairstyle that has turned them off?

As I was walking around campus today I couldn't help but wonder what the big difference was with the 'me' before, and the 'me' now. I began to evaluate how I stare at weird-looking people or how I might not talk to someone because they look too radical or strange.

Anyway, my new challenge has showed me that maybe myself and a few other of my peers judge to quickly on the outer appearance and forget that we're all people, whether we have weird-looking bodies or not.

I think it essentially goes back to the wearing socks with sandals issue.

How shallow is that?

Bryce Jay Williams
Antioch, Calif.

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Book burning

Dear Editor,

I received a piece of fan mail, recently, concerning my (evidently) disturbing quote in Thursday's edition of The Universe, which covered the recent Provo book burning. After the tongue lashing I got in that email, I think I should publicly respond to the author's comments and others who may be angry about the incident.

First, I must assure everyone that I, as well as many others involved in the book burning, fully appreciate the irony of the actions we took. Though we may not possess a sense of history our elders would hold in awe, we know who the Nazis were.

Our little bonfire was highly symbolic, not of our wish to destroy others' freedom, but of our frustration at freedom we believe has been taken away.

None of us, whether student, professor or city council member, can honestly be compared with the image of a Nazi. That's hardly the point.

However, individuals and groups seeking to draw the public's attention to an injustice often draw upon powerful, popular symbolism to convey their message. Conscientious objectors, suffragettes, Ghandi and Jesus Christ were all masters of this art.

Second, I would like to respond to those who argue that we disgruntled students should have used legal or regular political means to do something about the ordinance we were protesting. We did. It just didn't make the headlines.

Our event of June 28 was just a frustrated outgrowth of several months of unproductive meetings. Civil disobedience has also been mentioned as an option. In some non-eloquent but characteristic words of my generation, "Been there, done that." At this point, lots of normal college-kid things we do are considered civil disobedience.

Third, I must thank Mr. Gutenberg for making possible the mindless destruction of textbooks by protesters far and wide. Instead of extinguishing the flame of political inquiry, my act of burning "Theories of War and Peace" has encouraged further discussion and, for all you capitalists, stimulated the economy.

I'll probably have to buy another copy of the book in graduate school.

Rachel Kirkland
Sylacauga, Ala.

Fascism examined

Dear Editor,

On June 28, a group of BYU students met to express their opposition to Provo City's dance ordinances by staging a neighborhood book burning.

Students of history can't help but associate this barbarous act with one of the most disturbing images of Nazi Germany, the 1933 burning of library books by university students in Berlin.

The Nazi book burning ultimate filled the prophecy of Germar Heinrich Heine (written 100 years Hitler): "When one burns books, o soon burn people." The Provo book ing is a shame to the university and entire community.

How ironic that Provo opens library around the same time that u sity students are torching books j the street.

I want to be generous to these stu however. They are no Nazis. Ir through some kind of bizarre logic see this ignoble dead as an attack o cism" and a defense of the Amendment. But they have demons themselves to be immature, ign emotionally overwrought, lacking i spective, and possessed with a misg sense of justice.

They argued that the book burnin just a way to bring attention to cause. Unfortunately, it brough wrong kind of attention.

When Provo voters go to the polls nest city election, will they symp with students who want to have neig hood dances and parties, or wil remember BYU students tossing on the pyre?

What comes next? Burning American flag? Spray painting swa around the neighborhood? Havi even larger book burning?

Some nameless students univ with the protest tried to rescue from the flames. They deserve our Standing up for what is right is a heroic act.

The book burners deserve our co nations for desecrating what the uni ty stands for.

John Milton wrote, "he who dest good book, kills Reason itself, kil Image of God." Regardless of hov zens fell about the Provo City dance nance, we should unite our voic denouncing such means of protest and demand an apology.

Gary Hatch
associate professor of English

More burning

Dear Editor,

You claim that burning books has ing to do with dance ordinance maybe it was you who didn't exami situation closely enough.

The way these students chose to p seems to have been an effective especially since people like you ar discussing and publishing comme so long after the event.

Satire and irony are great tools and utilized effectively in this case to de strate how the students feel about th laws, i.e. that they are as tyranni book burning Nazi Germany.

As for burning classics, on Chan News, didn't the students say they books that were to be sent off to the cler anyway? How priceless are our stitutional rights compared to som books doomed to being turned i cardboard box?

Corbin Zean
Washington D.C.

Getting involved

Dear Editor,

It sounds to me like those who o ized the intentionally satirical book ing were anything but ignorant. know what is happening in this cor nity and are getting involved.

The real people you should be ca ignorant are all those citizens (and dents) who have no idea of the free we are losing.

As Benjamin Franklin said, "They can give up essential liberty to obt little temporary safety deserve ne liberty nor safety."

Nate Healy
Bakersfield, Calif.

Angels come back home, but not yet back to Earth

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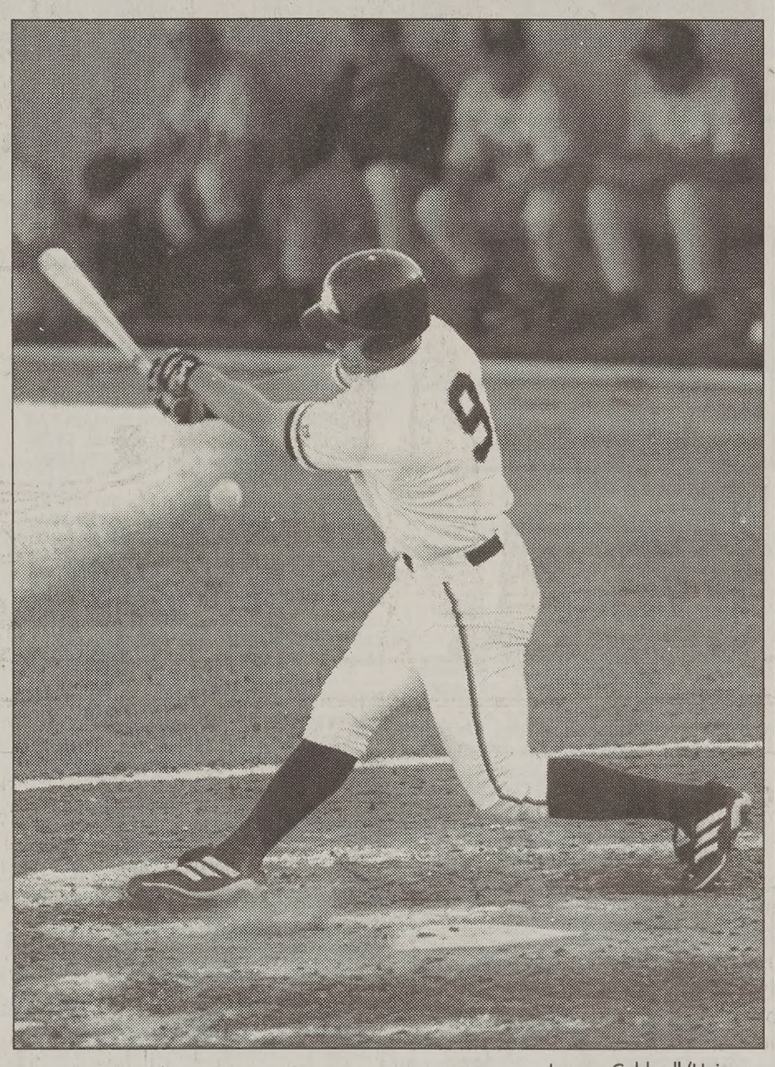
The Provo Angels returned me after going 7-2 on their first tended road trip of the season.
In the trip's closing series, the ngels took the first two games om Medicine Hat 14-13 and 19- But in the third game, for the rst time in seven games, the vic- rs were not wearing halos.
The Blue Jays pulled off a win- ng rally in the bottom of the nth to escape with a 3-2 win.
The game began on familiar rms for the Angels, as the oppo- tion got to Provo's young pitch- g early, taking a 1-0 lead in the p of the first inning.
As has been the case for much the year, starter Pedro Liriano ttled down after a rocky start, ving up just two runs in six nings of work. Liriano now has 2.03 ERA.
Provo got solitary runs in the ird and fourth innings on RBIs om Dallas McPherson and Ed elch.
In the Blue Jays' half of the urth, Luke Hetherington hit a lo home run to even the score at 2.
Pitchers from both sides dueled om the fifth to eighth innings changing goose eggs.
In the pivotal ninth, both teams d opportunities to push across e-breaking runs, but it was the ys who took advantage.
Medicine Hat opened the inning ith a single from Hetherington llowed by a bunt single from avid Corrente.
After a sacrifice bunt and an tentional walk, the Alberta club und themselves faced with a ses loaded, one-out opportuni-

Nick Tempesta stepped to the ate and struck a hanging curve ll to single in the winning run.
Despite the loss, Provo can rdly hang its heads as it urned from one of their most hausting road swings of the ason.



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Provo's Ed Tolzien swings and misses during a game earlier this season. The Angels returned after going 7-2 on their first trip this year.

Medicine Hat's manager said he was impressed with the caliber of Provo's ball club.
"Provo has a very good club, a very experienced team," Bradley said. "You go through 23 games and go 19-4, I don't care what league you're in, you have a good baseball team."
General manager Gerry McKearney says the success of young minor league teams is nearly impossible to predict, but said the Angels fast start indicates a group of very talented players.
McKearney extolled the support of Provo's crowd and expressed appreciation for the use of Larry H. Miller Field.
"This is a first class facility, almost unheard of at this level of baseball," McKearney said.
Provo returns for a brief three game series with the Great Falls Dodgers. The first game kicks off tonight at 7:05.Tonight's game also features the return of Weenie Wednesday, an Angel promotion that allows fans to purchase two hot dogs for the price of one.
Provo enters the contest with an 8 1/2 game lead over the Idaho Falls Padres and the Ogden Raptors.

NCAA approves BYU game against Tulane Green Wave

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The NCAA gave final approval for BYU to play in the Black Coaches Association Classic against Tulane on Aug. 25 at LaVell Edwards Stadium.
NCAA regulations allow a team to play only one preseason game every four years, but the NCAA made an exception for the Cougars, according to BYU athletic director Val Hale.
Head football coach Gary Crowton was pleased to hear of the approval.
"We are excited to receive the NCAA exemption and have the opportunity to host Tulane," he said.
Along with Crowton, the football players are also eager to start the new season at home.
BYU punter Aaron Edmonds said, "It's exciting, another game to play, to get Crowton's era started on ESPN."
Edmonds also mentioned an increased feeling of urgency among the players since check-in has been moved up from Aug. 10 to Aug. 2.
BYU hope to avenge its 1998 Liberty Bowl loss against Tulane.
Others, including Hale, are enthusiastic about beginning the football season.
"Our fans can now finalize plans to be in LaVell Edwards Stadium on Aug. 25 as we kick off the Gary Crowton era," Hale said.
A sports marketing firm, the Gazelle Group Inc. based out of Princeton, N.J., is in charge of promoting and organizing the BCA Classic.
Previous attempts had been made to secure a game between Kansas State and Southern Methodist, but negotiations failed, mainly due to a broadcasting disagreement.
"It's sort of a long process," said Mike Flanigan, director of sales and operations for Gazelle.
Flanigan is very pleased to be working with a great football tradition like BYU.
"We are certainly developing a good relationship," Flanigan said.
A good relationship could lead other BYU teams to be invited to Gazelle organized tournaments.
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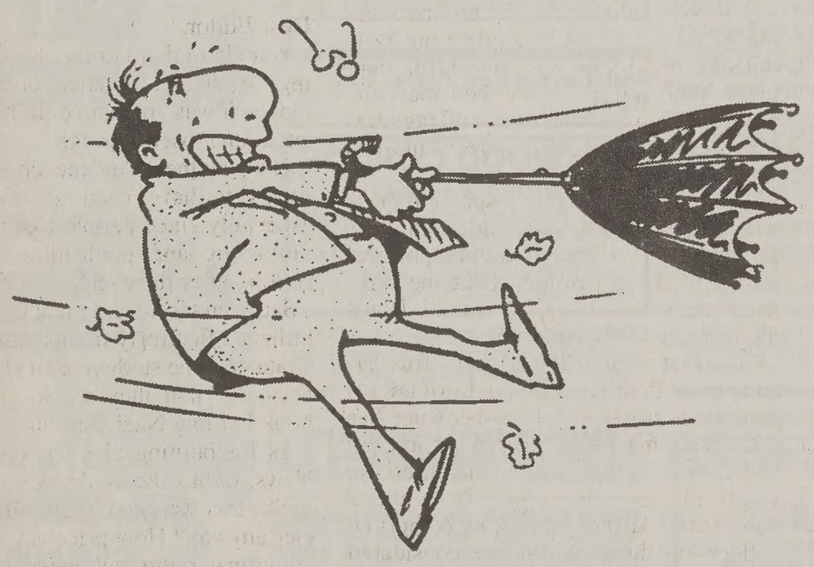
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Dr. Mary Williams earned her baccalaureate degree in nursing from BYU in 1971. She worked at LDS Hospital for the next six years as a staff nurse and as head nurse over a plastic surgery unit. She was voted outstanding nurse during her LDS Hospital tenure. She obtained her MS degree in cardiovascular nursing from the University of Utah in 1980. She then began full-time teaching with BYU's College of Nursing. In 1991 she earned her PhD in clinical nursing research from the University of Arizona.

Professor Williams' research has focused on family response to heart transplantation and on instrument development and testing. She has served as president of the Utah State Board of Nursing, and she is currently on the board of Mountain View Hospital and serving as a member of the Nurse Financial Aid Assistance Committee for the state of Utah.

At the untimely death of her sister, Dr. Williams assumed responsibility for the care of her sister's four children. "They have been my joy and my challenge for the past 13 years," she stated. "At present I have four grandchildren, who are the delight of my life."

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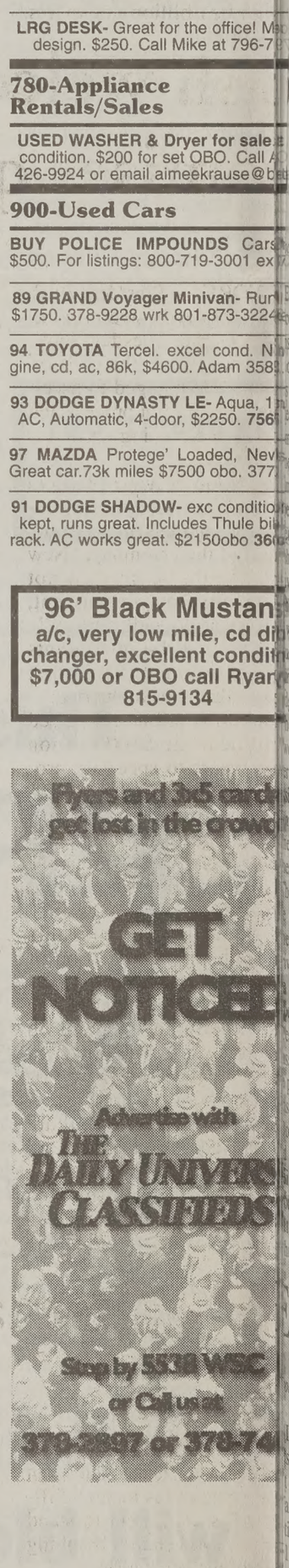
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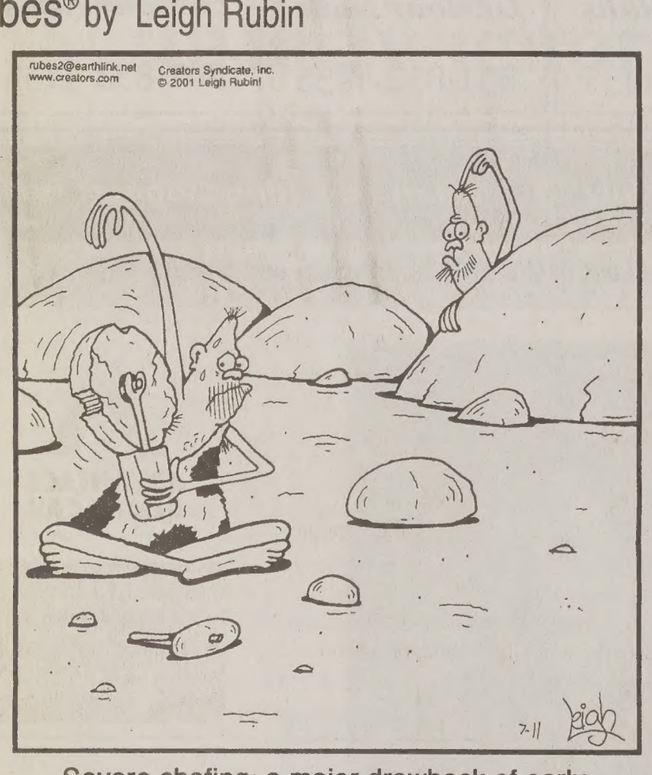

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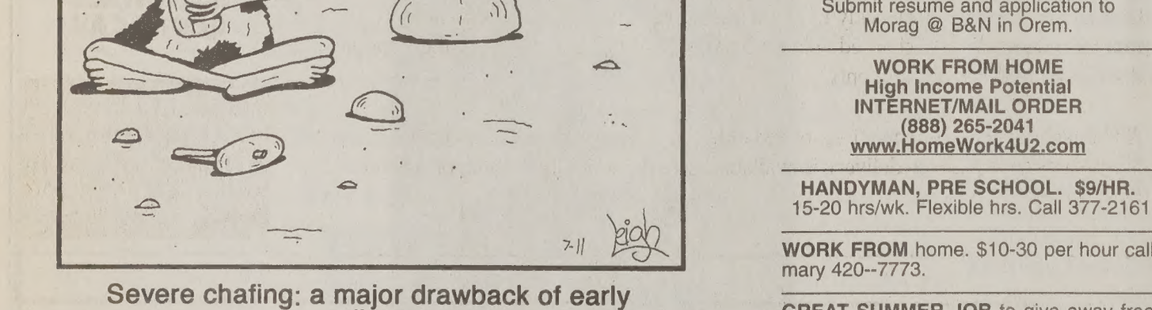
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Tibet, Russia oppose China bid

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OSCOW — Opponents of the nese government say award- the 2008 Olympics to Beijing ld encourage the country's adership to crack down on man rights.

Speaking at a news conference Moscow, where the Interna- nal Olympic Committee will noose the 2008 site Friday, betan and Russian opponents led on IOC members to reject Chinese capital's bid.

Beijing is considered the front- nner against bids from Paris d Toronto.

"The present situation in both hina and Tibet is deteriorating y by day," said Ngavan Gelek, airman of the Tibetan Culture nd Information Center in Moscow. "They will, I think, take it as a license for more repression."

Proponents say giving Beijing the games would encourage China to improve human rights conditions and take a softer line on dissent. Opponents point to the 1936 Olympics in Adolf Hitler's Germany as a grim precedent.

The protesters charged that China is exerting strong pressure to muffle them. They said Chinese Embassy officials tried to force cancellation of the news conference and said exiled Chinese dissident Wei Jingsheng was denied a visa to come to Moscow, apparently due to Chinese influence.

"If they can't allow one person from America (where Wei lives) to come here, how can we expect a good Olympics in 2008?" shouted Karma Yesha of the Tibetan Youth Congress, an India-based group.

Chinese Embassy officials could not immediately be reached for comment on either claim. But the chief of the Beijing bid committee dismissed the activists' other complaints.

Rod McGeogh, who led Sydney's successful bid for the 2000 Olympics, believes Beijing should not be awarded the 2008 Games.

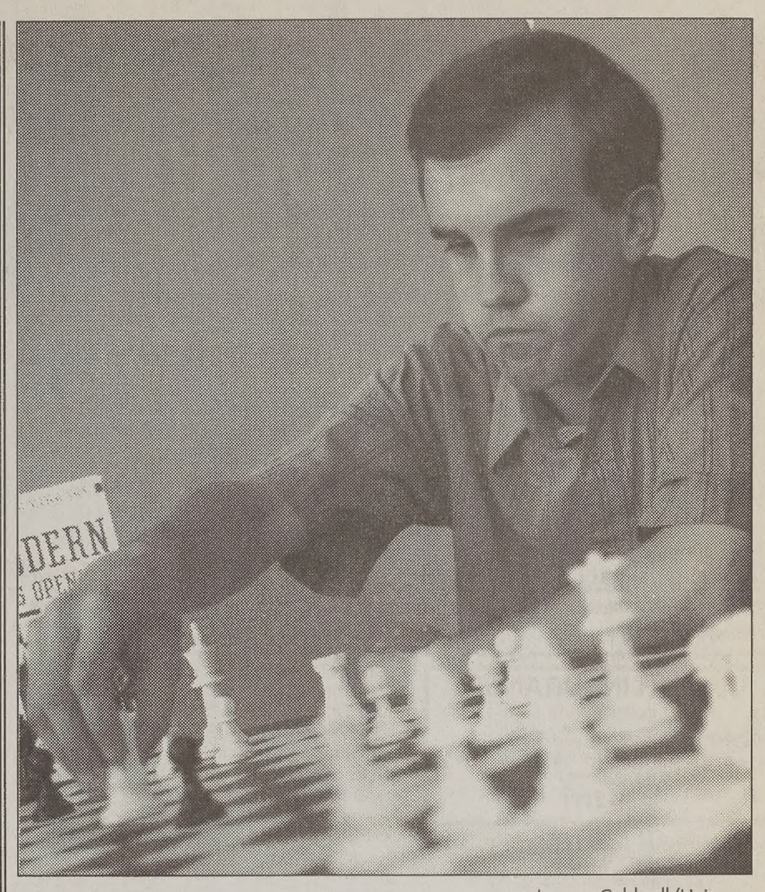
The IOC will vote Friday on the 2008 host city. Beijing, Paris and Toronto are the leading contenders. Istanbul, Turkey, and Osaka, Japan, are long shots.

McGeogh said the IOC was trying to "have a bit both ways" by considering the Chinese capital for the Olympics.

"On the one hand, the IOC speaks on the floor of the United Nations — it wants to be a respected international body," he told Australian Broadcasting Corp. "It intervened in the laws of South Africa to change them before it would let that country come to the games.

"If you take that as the stand, then I just can't see how you can ignore the human rights issues in China and I can't see how the IOC could say, 'Well look, that's a domestic matter, it's of no concern to us.'"

Crown Prince Albert of Monaco arrived in Moscow on Tuesday, the first trip to Russia by a leader from Monaco since 1913, to help choose a site for the olympics.



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Checkmate

Jared Barger from Valley Park, Mo., concentrates on his strategy as he takes on a challenger in chess Tuesday. The chess club was playing matches in the WSC.

ecretary: Funds need to be stronger

sociated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury ecretary Paul O'Neill, respond- to Democratic critics in Con- ress, said anew Tuesday the ocial Security retirement pro- m has no real assets and must strengthened.

O'Neill's comments were simi- to remarks he made in a June speech to Wall Street and cor- rate executives in New York at promoted President Bush's an to add private investment counts to Social Security.

In that speech, O'Neill said "we ve no assets" presently in the ocial Security trust fund.

Those remarks prompted a inging response from Rep. harles Rangel of New York, enior Democrat on the tax-writ- House Ways and Means mmittee, and Robert Matsui of alifornia, the top Democrat on e committee's Social Security bcommittee. They asserted the ust fund has billions of assets invested in the form of Treasury bonds.

In letters to the lawmakers Tuesday, O'Neill acknowledged that Treasury securities are issued to the trust fund.

"Because the Social Security trust fund does not consist of real economic assets, we are left to rely on the federal government's future decisions to either raise taxes, reduce spending or increase borrowing from the public to finance fully Social Security's promised benefits," O'Neill said.

O'Neill's stark description of a Social Security trust that has no "real economic assets," gets to the heart of the politically charged debate over how to fix Social Security.

Currently, Social Security payroll taxes far exceed what the program needs to pay benefits to current retirees. The excess money is being used to reduce the publicly held national debt, while also being credited as an asset held by the Social Security trust fund.

These trust fund assets are invested in a non-marketable Treasury securities with the government bonds credited with interest earnings as well.

O'Neill and other critics of the current system say this entire process is a bookkeeping fiction because the assets do not exist in any form the government can use to pay benefits.

Once the number of retirees exceeds Social Security's ability to pay benefits out of payroll taxes, which is expected to occur in 15 years, the government must decide whether to make up the shortfall by getting money from general revenue sources or income tax receipts now going to fund other government programs.

It also could borrow money by issuing marketable Treasury securities in which investors give the government money in return for government bonds.

While supporters of the Social Security system agree the government will be faced with coming up with actual money to redeem the non-marketable securities, they argue that those securities represent real obligations of the federal government and a failure to redeem the bonds would constitute a default by the government on its obligations.

The administration is pushing a program to partially privatize the Social Security system by allowing workers to keep part of their Social Security payroll tax deduction and investing it in personal accounts.

Bush welcomes new citizens, promises quicker immigration

sociated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush lcomed 29 newly sworn-in cit- ns to America Tuesday, look- g on as they took the oath on lis Island. He pledged to accel- te the immigration process and mised a welcoming spirit for new arrivals.

"Immigration is not a problem be solved, it is a sign of a con- ent and successful nation," sh said at the ceremony. "New rivals should be greeted not th suspicion and resentment, t with openness and courtesy."

Bush then led the immigrants m 18 countries in their first dge of allegiance to the flag.

The administration announced would dedicate $500 million er five years to speed up pro- ssing of all immigrant applica- ns to within a six-month netable. Applications some- es take more than four years.

The swearing-in took place at e museum on Ellis Island, ere 12 million immigrants rived. A haunting rendition of a national anthem echoed ough the cavernous hall as the es of immigrants stained on ss windows looked down on proceedings and the new citi- s clutched tiny flags.

Both Mayor Rudolph Giuliani d Gov. George Pataki said all ir grandparents had come ough Ellis Island. Bush noted at New York Sen. Charles humer's middle name was Ellis, also honoring his roots.

It was Bush's first trip to New York state since taking office nearly six months ago. Asked by a reporter how he felt on his debut here, Bush followed New York's longtime tourism slogan and declared, "I love New York!"

"I visited all sorts of areas in New York that I didn't win and it helped me do my job better," Schumer told reporters. "I think the same will be true for the president."

Bush was greeted by Giuliani and Pataki, both Republicans, upon his arrival. Schumer and Sen. Hillary Clinton, both Democrats, descended the steps of Air Force One behind the president, boarding helicopters that swooped over the Hudson River to a landing zone just off Wall Street. Bush then took a National Park Service ferry to Ellis Island.

It was Clinton's first trip aboard Air Force One since her husband left office in January.

"It's such a wonderful symbol of the United States and the presidency, and it's always an honor to be on Air Force One," she said.

Also traveling with Bush were Attorney General John Ashcroft and Nick Calio, Bush's top lobbyist on Capitol Hill, as well as Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Mel Martinez — both of whom immigrated to the United States.

After the naturalization ceremony, Bush was heading to St. Patrick's Cathedral to present the Congressional Gold Medal posthumously to Cardinal John O'Connor.

The medal is the highest honor awarded by Congress to individuals, institutions or events. Lawmakers and then-President Clinton approved the recognition for O'Connor last year.

It was O'Connor to whom Bush apologized last year when as a candidate he offended Roman Catholics by campaigning at Bob Jones University, a South Carolina school whose leader once called the Catholic Church a "Satanic cult." O'Connor died in May 2000.

Bush has assiduously courted Catholics, a vital bloc in his electoral win last year, ever since taking office, meeting with top church leaders in Philadelphia, Miami, St. Louis and Washington.

Bush has visited 34 states since he took the oath of office in January, but until Tuesday stayed clear of the third-largest.

Democrat Al Gore buried Bush in the presidential race in New York last November, 59 percent to 34.5 percent, and the state has a 5-3 Democratic voter registration advantage.

"This is just another one of the foreign countries he has to visit," quipped Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y.

"President Bush has neglected New York completely," complained Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.

Ex-Klansman fakes mental illness

sociated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A secution expert said Tuesday t a former Ku Klux Klansman faking some of his mental diffi- ties and is competent to stand l for the 1963 church bombing t killed four black girls.

The testimony of neuropsychol- st Thomas J. Boll in the sec- d day of Bobby Frank Cherry's ntal competency hearing con- cted with the opinion of a ense expert who said Cherry is ffering from a form of demen-

ircuit Judge James Garrett will ide after hearing testimony m both sides whether Cherry, can stand trial on murder rges in one of the most notori- crimes of the civil rights era: deaths of four black girls in Sept. 15, 1963, bombing of mingham's Sixteenth Street otist Church.

oll testified that Cherry may e mild cognitive problems, he said Cherry appeared to make his mental condition look worse than it really is during tests arranged by the defense. At one point, Boll said, Cherry admitted giving random answers to some questions on a test. He also failed a test that is designed to uncover people trying to fake their mental condition, Boll said.

He said Cherry should have no problem understanding court proceedings and assisting his lawyers.

"It is clear Mr. Cherry had more ability lifelong than he was putting forth on this test," Boll said.

Two evaluations — one for the defense and one for the court — had found Cherry incompetent. But the third review, conducted for prosecutors by Boll, found Cherry well enough to face the charges.

Neuropsychologist Maura Carter testified Monday that Cherry was diagnosed with vascular dementia, which is caused by small amounts of bleeding in the brain for prolonged periods.

She said Cherry couldn't recall two of his five marriages, nor could the former truck driver and carpet cleaner remember how many heart attacks he has had.

Under Alabama law, Cherry must have a "rational understanding" of the case and the legal proceedings to be found competent. He also must be able to help his lawyers prepare for trial.

If Garrett finds Cherry unable to stand trial, the judge could send him to a state hospital or declare him free to go home. He has said he will rule within two weeks.

Another ex-Klansman, Thomas Blanton Jr., was convicted in the bombing in May and sentenced to life in prison. Cherry had been set to stand trial with Blanton, but the judge postponed the case because of questions about Cherry's competency.

Former Klansman Robert "Dynamite Bob" Chambliss was convicted in the bombing in 1977 and died in prison. A fourth suspect, Herman Cash, died in 1994 without ever being charged.

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6 Capture the attention of
10 Lacking depth
14 It might be grand
15 Newman's Own competitor
16 Southernmost U.S. city
17 Press some flesh?
20 Where It.'s at
21 Call upon
22 Firth of Tay port
23 Red algae
26 Tries to reach
27 Clairvoyant's gift
28 Takes some courses?
29 Cleveland cager, for short
32 Part of IV
35 ___ jure (by law)
36 Massachusetts vacation spot, with "the"
37 Two score of low, thick lilies?
40 The works
41 Go bad
42 Alamogordo event
43 Noted casino, with "the"
44 Solder, say
45 Pizzeria output
46 Take in
48 ___ Centauri (closest star to the sun)
52 They're history
54 Fortune cover subj.
55 Left Coast baggage tag
56 Directions for a basement escort?
60 Nobelist Pavlov
61 They're found in yards
62 Spam, maybe
63 ___ a soul
64 Unnerve
65 Bits of baby talk

DOWN

1 Half-domed projections
2 Provoke
3 Hillary's successor
4 Italian article
5 "Help, quick!"
6 "Ew-w-w!"
7 General, e.g.
8 Actuary's datum
9 It's the end of the line
10 "___ God!"
11 Beaufort, for one
12 Like some shoppes
13 Teaspoonful, maybe
18 Lock holder
19 Rainbow display
24 Ricardo's landlord
25 Anthem starter
26 Maine senator Collins
28 Brush aside
30 P.D. alerts
31 ___-pocket (tiny)
32 "___ first you ..."
33 "___ chance!"
34 Conflict provoked by Paris
35 Employee's angry cry
36 Nail polish brand
38 Pays a quick visit
39 "Charles in Charge" star
44 Big buffet
45 N.F.L., e.g., with "the"
47 Partridge Family boy
48 Calvin of the P.G.A.
49 Tale of the 34-Down
50 Santa ___
51 Jumps on the ice
52 Game point situation
53 Bagel stuffer
54 ___ Panisse (restaurant)
57 Brewer's brew
58 Proof letters
59 Thurman of "The Avengers"

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New regulation being considered

Religious groups funded by taxes may receive right to discriminate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Urged on by the Salvation Army, the White House is considering new regulations that would allow taxpayer-funded religious groups to bypass local and state laws that bar discrimination against gay people.

The Salvation Army pressed for the change when asked by White House officials to name the barriers churches face in working with government. In return for making the regulatory change, the Army agreed to lobby Congress to pass legislation opening more government programs to religious charities, according to an internal Salvation Army document.

According to the document, the administration had made a firm commitment to make the change once the legislation moves through Congress, though White House and Salvation Army officials said Tuesday that no final decision had been made.

At issue are increasingly popular state and local laws that bar discrimination against gays and lesbians. Some ban discrimination in hiring; others require employers to offer health insurance and other benefits to the domestic partners of gay employees. Typically, these laws do not apply to religious groups. But it's not clear whether groups lose that exemption once they accept taxpayer dollars.

The Army, a Christian church that operates a national network of social services, wants federal regulations to bar state and local governments from enforcing these laws toward religious organizations when they do accept government money, said Salvation Army spokesman David Fuscus.

But, President Bush could rewrite a federal regulation to ban enforcement of these laws for religious groups that get federal dollars, which often pass through local and state government.

The Salvation Army internal report suggests that its chances of seeing the regulatory change will improve with the passage of legislation pending in Congress. That legislation, often called "charitable choice," gives churches, synagogues and other religious groups the right to compete for government money without divorcing themselves from their religious character.

"It is important that the Army's support for the White House's activities occur simultaneously with efforts to achieve the Army's objectives," said the document. "The White House has already said that they are committed to move on the Army's objectives when the legislation carrying the charitable choice provisions passes the House of Representatives."

The report said the Salvation Army would enlist more than 100 of its leaders to lobby members of Congress for the legislation "in a prearranged agreement with the White House."

The report added that White House officials want to move the legislation first "and use the political momentum of this" to push through the regulatory change. It said the White House had made a firm commitment to act on the issue after the legislation was approved.

The White House denied Tuesday that there was a relationship between the Salvation Army's support and the change in regulation. Asked if there was a trade-off, spokesman Ari Fleischer said, "Oh no, absolutely not." He added that there never has been a deal and that the author of the report misread the administration's position. "They've been advised of that."

But the White House did not deny that it believes religious groups should be allowed to discriminate in hiring, even if they take taxpayer dollars. "The administration fully supports the civil rights law, which allows religious organizations the right to hire people in keeping with their own faith's traditions," said spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

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> — David Fuscus, Salvation Army spokesman

The Salvation Army said Tuesday that the report overstated the strategic relationship between the two issues.

"The bottom line was that the Army was talking with the White House about this. The White House was looking at the issue. They had made no commitment to act," Fuscus said. He said that passages in the report linking the legislation and the regulation were "someone's opinion. That was not a strategic plan from the White House."

But he said the issues are related in content because local anti-discrimination laws could discourage the Salvation Army and other religious groups from taking government money to provide social services.

"As long as there is a debate out there about these issues, this is a very good time for these issues to be addressed," Fuscus said.

He added that the Salvation Army has no interest in even asking about sexual orientation in hiring staff for most of its 55,000 positions. But it does believe it should retain the right to reject gays for ministerial positions.

"As a church, the Army does insist that those people who have religious responsibilities, who are ministers, share the theology and lifestyle of the church," he said.

The Salvation Army report was first reported in The Washington Post Tuesday, and Fuscus confirmed its content.

The administration came under immediate attack for its plans. "The administration appears to be engaging in back-room deals to ensure that federally funded discrimination remains legal," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights group.

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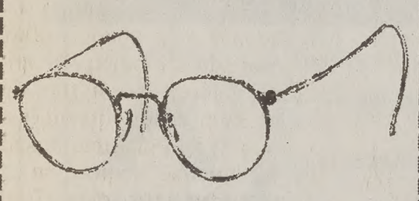

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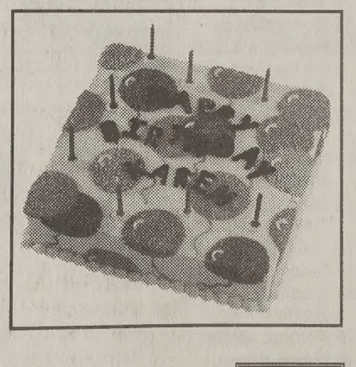

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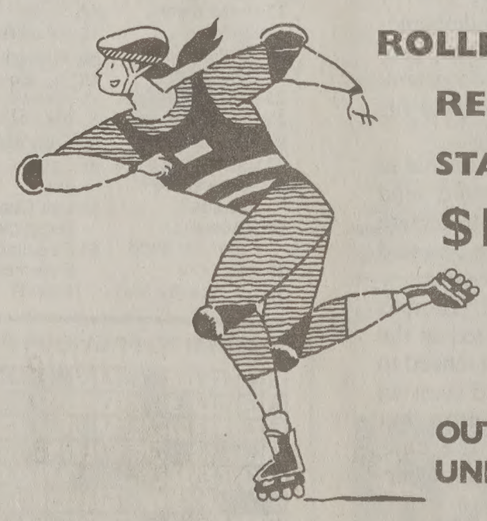

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